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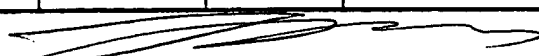
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	A12	6,039,686 US	03/21/2000	Kovac			
	A13	5,997,554 US	12/7/99	Thompson			
	A14	5,934,283 US	08/10/99	Willem et al.			
	A15	5,922,026 US	07/13/99	Chin			
	A16	5,916,225 US	06/29/99	Kugel			
	A17	5,899,909 US	5/4/99	Claren et al.			
	A18	5,836,315 US	11/17/98	Benderev et al.			
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	A20	5,840,011 US	11/24/98	Landgrebe et al.			
	A21	5,836,961 US	11/17/98	Kieturakis et al.			
	A22	5,816,258 US	10/6/98	Jervis			
	A23	5,807,403 US	9/15/98	Beyar et al.			
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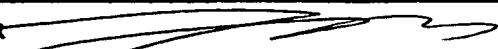
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	A29	5,690,655 US	11/25/97	Hart et al.			
	A30	5,681,310 US	10/28/97	Yuan et al.			
	A31	5,645,915 US	07/08/97	Kranzler et al.			
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	A37	5,634,944 US	06/03/97	Magram			
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	A39	5,620,012 US	4/15/97	Benderev et al.			
	A40	5,611,515 US	03/18/97	Benderev et al.			
	A41	5,591,163 US	1/7/97	Thompson			
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	A56	5,397,332 US	03/14/95	Kammerer et al.			
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	A58	5,381,943 US	01/17/95	Allen et al.			
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	A63	5,364,002 US	11/15/94	Green et al.			
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	A73	5,263,969 US	11/23/93	Phillips			
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	A76	5,254,133 US	10/19/93	Seid			
	A77	5,195,542 US	3/23/93	Gazielly et al.			
	A78	5,178,630 US	1/12/93	Schmitt			
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	A95	4,911,165 US	3/27/90	Lennard et al.			
	A96	4,905,692 US	3/6/90	More			
	A97	4,873,977 US	10/17/89	Avant et al.			
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	A99	4,857,041 US	8/15/89	Annis et al.			
	A100	4,854,316 US	08/08/89	Davis			
	A101	4,838,884 US	06/13/89	Dumican et al.			
	A102	4,784,126 US	11/15/88	Hourahane			
	A103	4,769,038 US	7/6/88	Bendavid et al.			
	A104	4,741,330 US	5/3/88	Hayhurst			
	A105	4,655,221 US	04/07/87	Devereux			
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	A113	4,409,974 US	10/18/83	Freedland			
	A114	4,400,833 US	8/30/83	Kurland			
	A115	4,347,847 US	09/07/82	Usher			
	A116	4,193,137 US	3/18/80	Heck			
	A117	4,175,557 US	11/27/79	Hung			
	A118	4,172,458 US	10/30/79	Pereyra			
	A119	4,085,756 US	4/25/78	Weaver			
	A120	3,823,705 US	7/16/74	Trimble			
	A121	3,744,495 US	7/10/73	Johnson			
	A122	3,705,575 US	12/12/72	Edwards			
	A123	3,666,750 US	5/30/72	Briskin et al.			
	A124	3,580,313 US	5/25/71	McKnight			
	A125	3,364,200 US	1/16/68	Ashton et al.			
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	A127	3,054,406 US	9/18/62	Usher			
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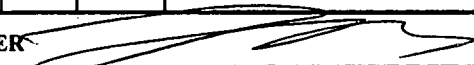
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I	C6	1996	Leach: Percutaneous Bladder Neck Suspension, Urol Clinics of N. Am. 23: 511-516 (1996).						
I	C7	1996	Petros et al., The Intravaginal Slingplasty Operation, a Minimally Invasive Technique for Cure of Urinary Incontinence in the Female, Aust. NZ J. Obstet. Gynaecol. 36: 453-461 (1996).						
I	C8	1995	Hoffman: Transvestibular Retropubic Bladder Neck Suspension: A pilot study, J. Reproductive Med. 40: 181-184 (1995).						
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I	C11	1994	DeLancey, "Structural Support of the Urethra as it Relates to Stress Urinary Incontinence: The Hammock Hypothesis", Am. J. Obstet Gynecol. 170:1713-1723, 1994.						
NV	C12	1993	Blaivas et al., "Successful Pubovaginal Sling Surgery", Contemporary Urology, pp. 40-63, July 1993.						
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	C14	1990	Zimmern: A prospective evaluation of Four-Corner bladder neck suspension for Grade 11/111 Cystocele repair, <u>Neurol. and Urodynamics</u> 9: 231 (1990).
	C15	1988	Leach: Bone fixation technique for transvaginal needle suspension, <u>Urology</u> 31: 388-390 (1988).
	C16	1987	Gittes: No-incision pubovaginal suspension for stress incontinence, <u>J. Urology</u> 138: 568-570 (1987).
	C17	1987	Spencer: A comparison of Endoscopic suspension of the vesical neck with suprapubic vesicourethropexy for treatment of stress urinary incontinence, <u>J. Urology</u> 137: 411-415 (1987).
	C18	1986	Bayer: A new approach to primary strengthening of colostomy with Marlex® Mesh to prevent paracolostomy hernia, <u>Surgery, Gynecology and Obstetrics</u> 163: 579-580 (1986).
	C19	1986	Stamey: "Endoscopic Suspension of the Vesical Neck", <u>Surgery of Female Incontinence</u> , 115-132, 1986.
	C20	1986	Zimmern: Transvaginal Closure of the Bladder Neck, <u>Seminars in Urology</u> 4: 30-32 (1986).
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	C22	1983	Zacharin, "Abdominoperineal Urethral Suspension in the Management of Recurrent Stress Incontinence of Urine - a 15-year Experience", <u>Obstetrics &amp; Gynecology</u> , Vol. 62, No. 5, (November 1983).
	C23	1983	Webster: "Female Urinary Incontinence," <u>Urologic Surgery</u> , J.B. Lippincott Company: Philadelphia, 665-679, 1983.
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	C25	1981	Richardson et al., "Treatment of Stress Urinary Incontinence Due to Paravaginal Fascial Defect", <u>Obstetrics &amp; Gynecology</u> , Vol. 57, No. 3, (March 1981).
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